

Thomas De Alba Sr. and Descendants.

by

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Foreword.

On an evening in September 1974 Mrs. Bonnie Kay De Alba Dean called me on the telephone to ask if I had any information relative to the family of Thomas De Alba Sr., immigrant from Italy, and the progenitor of the De Alba family in York County. This conversation aroused my interest in family history and genealogy and I began to look around for sources of information on this Virginia family.

I went to the cemetery of Grafton Christian Church, at Grafton and copied data from the tombstones of Mr. De Alba Sr. and his wife and one son. Dates were also copied from De Alba tombstones in Zion United Methodist Church cemetery in Seaford.

Many telephone calls and personal interviews have been made with various members of the family, producing much data, used in this family sketch. All contacts have been most cordial, and everyone has seemed anxious to cooperate fully in the collecting and sharing of data.

A few letters have been written in the search for additional material.

The cooperation of various members points to the fact that this is a close-knit family group.

I wish to express my appreciation to all who have contributed in any way toward the preparation of this genealogical study.

Key to Generations. To avoid confusion in tracing parallel lines, the names in each generation were preceded by a letter or number, thus:

- 1st. generation, Thomas De Alba¹ Sr. no parallel marks needed;
- 2nd generation, 1, 2, 3, arabic numerals, open;
- 3rd generation, A, B, C, capital letters, open;
- 4th generation, a, b, c, small letters, open;
- 5th generation, (1); (2); (3), arabic numerals, enclosed;
- 6th generation, (a); (b); (c), small letters, enclosed.

Following the name of De Alba the generation number 1, 2, 3, etc. has been placed to the right, and slightly above the name.

When the tracing descends through a female branch, the generation superscript 1, 2, 3, etc. is placed by the end of the given names, instead of the end of the surname, since that ceases to be De Alba. These symbols indicate the generation of the person under study. Thus the combination of the two methods should identify the family members and groups.

The genealogical story goes forward from this point.

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Thomas De Alba' Sr. and Descendants.

Thomas De Alba' Sr. was born in Palermo, Italy, November 15, 1842 (from his tomb stone). He spent his childhood in Italy.

Mrs. Lula Crockett Moore, his step-grand-daughter, was pleasantly associated with Mr. De Alba during the teenage period of her life and she remembered that he told his family, friends and associates of his migration to the United States. He said that when he was about 13 years old he ran away from home and stowed away on a tramp ship which sailed from Italy to the United States. He was not discovered aboard ship until it was too late to return him to Italy and so he made his way to America. It is not known at this time where he landed.

Mrs. Moore recalled having heard a conversation he had with members of his family in which he related the following incident:

Some years after landing in the United States, Mr De Alba made his way to Richmond, Virginia and was there during the blockade of the Civil War. He decided to run the blockade and get out of Richmond by buying an open boat and attempting to row down the James River to Newport News. A woman with a baby in Richmond wanted to get out of the city, so

Mr. De Alba let her and the baby go with him in the boat from Richmond to the Peninsula. He rowed and pushed the boat down James River, stopping from time to time on the river banks for rest and food. After many days of this tedious travel they landed at Newport News. The woman with her baby, went her way with friends or relatives. Mr. De Alba met some members of the Wood family of York County, Virginia, and eventually he made his way to York County.

Thomas De Alba' Sr. joined the army of the Southern Confederacy and fought in the Civil War until the close of the conflict. After the surrender at Appomattox Court House he came back to York County.

Thomas De Alba' Sr. married Ann Delila Wood and they had ten children.

Thomas and Ann De Alba bought a farm of about 25 acres on the York-Hampton highway about three miles below Yorktown. He engaged in farming in season. At other times he worked at John Smith's Railway in Fish Neck (now Dare) as a boat calker. Later he worked at this trade at the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company.

At one time Mr. and Mrs. De Alba ran a country grocery store at their home on the York-Hampton highway. The store was probably run by Mrs.

De Alba while Mr. De Alba was engaged in farming, aided by his growing sons; and with his duties in the Shipyard.

Children of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr. and Ann Delila Wood De Alba were:

1. Mary De Alba², born March 9, 1866;
2. Rosa De Alba², born about 1868;
3. John Robert De Alba², born 1871;
4. Thomas De Alba² Jr., born October 16, 1873;
5. Francisco De Alba², born May 12, 1877;
6. Florence Lena De Alba², born 1880;
7. James T. De Alba², born May 18, 1883;
8. Joseph De Alba², born May 18, 1883;
9. Carrie De Alba², born August 31, 1888;
10. Annie De Alba², born August 31, 1888.

Thomas De Alba¹ Sr. died December 27, 1918. His wife, Ann Delila Wood De Alba, died February 13, 1916. They are buried in Grafton Christian Church Cemetery in Grafton, Virginia. (from their tomb stones).

1. Mary De Alba² and Descendants.

1. Mary De Alba², first child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba was born March 9, 1866. She married Frank Foershing December 15, 1887 in Grafton, Virginia. They had nine children, four of whom died as infants:

- A. Infant;
- B. Infant;
- C. Infant;
- D. Infant.

Those who lived were:

- E. Florence³ Foershing, born August 18, 1895;
- F. Sarah Elizabeth³ Foershing, called Lee, born September 22, 1897;
- G. Frank³ Foershing Jr. born August 27, 1898;
- H. Louise³ Foershing, born December 20, 1899;
- I. Lillian Mae³ Foershing born October 9, 1903.

Mrs. Mary De Alba² Foershing, mother of these children, died August 1, 1932.

E. Florence³ Foershing, fifth child of Frank Foershing and Mary De Alba² Foershing was born August 18, 1895. She was the first of their children to live beyond infancy. She married William Thomas Langford. They had eight children:

- a. Edith Josephine⁴ Langford, born March 18, 1916;
- b. William Thomas⁴ Langford Jr, born November 9, 1917;
- c. Arthur Roland⁴ Langford, born November 3, 1920;
- d. Mary Elizabeth⁴ Langford, born November 1, 1922;
- e. Frank⁴ Langford;
- f. Earl Benjamin⁴ Langford;
- g. Charles⁴ Langford;
- h. Anna Mae⁴ Langford.

a. Edith Josephene⁴ Langford married Charles Randall. They have two sons,

- (1) Charles⁵ Randall Jr who is married and has one daughter;
- (2) Oscar⁵ Randall who is married and has two sons.

b. William Thomas⁴ Langford Jr married Mary Flowers. They have one daughter,

- (1) Sandra⁵ Langford who is married.

c. Arthur Roland⁴ Langford married first and had one son,

- (1) Arthur Roland⁵ Langford Jr.

He married secondly, and there are no children of the second marriage.

d. Mary Elizabeth⁴ Langford married Robert Hicks. They had two daughters.

e. Frank⁴ Langford died when five years old.

f. Earl Benjamin⁴ Langford married Berna —. They have four daughters and one son and an adopted daughter.

g. Charles⁴ Langford is unmarried (1974).

h. Anna Mae⁴ Langford married — Britt. They have

- (1) one son and
- (2) one daughter.

F. Sarah Elizabeth³ Foershing, sixth child of Frank Foershing and Mary De Alba² Foershing, born September 22, 1897, married Elijah Roach. She was called "Lee". She was the second of their children to live beyond infancy. They had seven children:

- a. Floyd Alton⁴ Roach, born August 18, 1914;
- b. Robert Cameron⁴ Roach, born October 31, 1920;
- c. Thomas⁴ Roach, born March, 1923;
- d. Milton⁴ Roach, born February 20, 1924;
- e. Grace Elizabeth⁴ Roach, born November 25, 1926;
- f. Edward⁴ Roach, born March 4, 1928;
- g. Ann Geraldine⁴ Roach, born January 10, 1931.

a. Floyd Alton⁴ Roach, first child of Elijah Roach and Sarah Elizabeth³(Lee) Roach, born August 18, 1914, married Christine Turner November 26, 1936. They had three children:

- (1) Geraldine⁵ Roach, born February 19, 1941;
 - (2) Floyd Alton⁵ Roach Jr., born July 14, 1943;
 - (3) Ada Marie⁵ Roach, born January 4, 1953.
- (1) Geraldine⁵ Roach married John Harmon October 6, 1959. They have two children,
- (a) John Chester⁶ Harmon Jr. born October 18, 1965;
 - (b) Tracey⁶ Harmon, born February 24, 1970.
- (2) Floyd Alton⁵ Roach Jr. married Peggy Blair November 1971. They have one son,
- (a) Jason⁶ Roach, born August 17, 1974.
- (3) Ada Marie⁵ Roach married Steve Pagano April 6, 1974.

b. Robert Cameron⁴ Roach, second child of Elijah Roach and Sarah Elizabeth³(Lee) Roach, born October 31, 1920, married Ruth Hawkins May 19, 1942. They have two children:

- (1) Joyce Gay⁵ Roach, born December 1943;
 - (2) Robert Cameron⁵ Roach Jr. born December 3, 1947.
- (1) Joyce Gay⁵ Roach married Ronald Burroughs October 10, 1964. They have three children:
- (a) Kristine⁶ Burroughs, born August 9, 1965;
 - (b) Ronald⁶ Burroughs Jr. born May 4, 1968;
 - (c) Jaynee⁶ Burroughs, born March 14, 1970.

(2) Robert Cameron⁵ Roach Jr. married Ann Crumpler April 28, 1968. They have one child,

(a) Wendy⁶ Roach, born January 28, 1970.

C. Thomas⁴ Roach, third child of Elijah Roach and Sarah Elizabeth³(Lee) Roach, born March 1923, married Joyce Bennett October, 1945. They have two children:

(1) Donna Lee⁵ Roach, born October 30, 1946;

(2) Beth⁵ Roach, born October 1952.

d. Milton⁴ Roach, fourth child of Elijah Roach and Sarah Elizabeth³(Lee) Roach, born February 20, 1924, married first, Margaret Ann Geffean in 1958. They had two children:

(1) Sarah Virginia⁵ Roach, born April 20, 1966;

(2) Debra Lynn⁵ Roach, born October 19, 1967.

Milton⁴ Roach married secondly, Katherine Ann Smock April 26, 1971. She was born July 26, 1928.

e. Grace Elizabeth⁴ Roach, fifth child of Elijah Roach and Sarah Elizabeth³(Lee) Roach, was born November 25, 1926 and died April 19, 1927.

f. Edward⁴ Roach, sixth child of Elijah Roach and Sarah Elizabeth³(Lee) Roach, born March 4, 1928, married Pauline Shannon October 23, 1948. They have one son,

(1) Michael Carlton⁵ Roach, born November 7, 1952.

He is unmarried (1974).

g. Ann Geraldine⁴ Roach, seventh and youngest child of Elijah Roach and Sarah Elizabeth³(Lee) Roach, was born January 10, 1931 and died March 6, 1931.

G. Frank³ Foershing Jr., seventh child of Frank Foershing and Mary De Alba² Foershing was born August 27, 1898 and died when four years old. He was the third of their children to live beyond infancy.

H. Louise³ Foershing, eighth child of Frank Foershing and Mary De Alba² Foershing was born December 20, 1899. She was the fourth of their children to live beyond infancy. She died unmarried in 1910.

J. Lillian Mae³ Foershing, ninth and youngest child of Frank Foershing and Mary De Alba² Foershing, fifth child to live beyond infancy, was born October 9, 1903. She married George Morris Hudgins October 20, 1920. They had three children:

- a. Donald Franklin⁴ Hudgins, born July 18, 1923;
 - b. Doris Eileen⁴ Hudgins, born January 17, 1926;
 - c. George Morris⁴ Hudgins Jr. born September 20, 1931.
- George Morris Hudgins Sr., father of these three children, died January 28, 1969.

a. Donald Franklin⁴ Hudgins married Ruth Bateman May 19, 1942. They had three children:

- (1) Melody Earl⁵ Hudgins, born April 16, 1945, died April 5, 1961;
- (2) Cynthia Eileen⁵ Hudgins, born August 9, 1954;
- (3) Donald Franklin⁵ Hudgins Jr., born June 1, 1956.

b. Doris Eileen⁴ Hudgins married Walter Lassiter June 7, 1946. They have no children.

c. George Morris⁴ Hudgins Jr. married Barbara Kent April 4, 1953. They

have two children:

- (1) George Morris⁵ Hudgins III, born January 4, 1955;
- (2) Susan⁵ Hudgins, born August 27, 1963.

This brings to a close the present tracing of descendants of Mary De Alba² Foershing, first child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba.

(Data on Mary De Alba² Foershing's family group was contributed by Mrs Lillian Hudgins, Mrs. Milton Roach, Mrs. Floyd Roach and Mrs Edward Roach. Mrs. Hudgins had access to the family Bible of her mother, Mrs Mary De Alba Foershing).

2. Rosa De Alba² and Descendants.

2. Rosa De Alba², second child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba was born about 1868. She married Robert Cox.

They had two sons:

- A. Luther³ Cox, born 1896; and
- B. Clinton³ Cox.

A. Luther³ Cox, first son of Robert Cox and Rosa De Alba² Cox married Madeline Williams. They had no children. Luther³ Cox died October 27, 1947.

B. Clinton³ Cox, second and youngest son of Robert Cox and Rosa De Alba² Cox, married, but there were no children. He died after 1947.

This brings to a close the tracing of descendants of Rosa De Alba² Cox, second child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr. and Ann Delila Wood De Alba. It appears that there are no living descendants in 1974.

(Data on Rosa De Alba² Cox's family group was collected from Clinton De Alba, Mrs Fred P. Burcher Jr., and from an obituary printed in the Daily Press).

3. John Robert De Alba² and Descendants.

3. John Robert De Alba², third child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba, was born November, 1871. He married Lydia Edora Holland in 1900. She was born November 6, 1885. They had two sons:

A. John Herman De Alba³, born October 23, 1904;

B. Clinton De Alba³, born August 15, 1906.

John Robert De Alba², father of these two children, died November 7, 1958.

A. John Herman De Alba³, first son of John Robert De Alba² and Lydia Holland De Alba died unmarried, September 25, 1965.

B. Clinton De Alba³, second and youngest son of John Robert De Alba² and Lydia Holland De Alba, born August 15, 1906, married Plumie Hearn April 11, 1935. She was born July 25, 1906. They have one daughter,

a. Linda Sue De Alba⁴, born March 31, 1940. She married A. Gordon Scott August 1962, and they have two children:

(1) Cindy Gail⁵ Scott, born August 20, 1969;

(2) Wesley Todd⁵ Scott, born May 1, 1972.

This brings to a close the present tracing of descendants of John Robert De Alba², third child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba.

(Data on John Robert De Alba's family group was collected from Clinton De Alba and from an obituary printed in The Daily Press).

4. Thomas De Alba² Jr. and Descendants.

4. Thomas De Alba² Jr., fourth child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr. and Ann Delila Wood De Alba, was born October 16, 1873. He married Emma Lee Davis August 4, 1898. She was born July 31, 1883. They had five children:

- A. John Ballard De Alba³, born January 5, 1903;
- B. Annie Mae De Alba³, born May 5, 1905;
- C. Thomas De Alba³ III, born 1909;
- D. Robert Eggleston De Alba³, born May 30, 1911;
- E. Christopher C. De Alba³, born October, 1916.

Thomas De Alba² Jr. father of the above five children, died May 14, 1956. Emma Lee Davis De Alba, the mother, died February 5, 1972. They are buried in Zion United Methodist Church cemetery, Seaford.

A. John Ballard De Alba³, first child of Thomas De Alba² Jr. and Emma Lee Davis De Alba, born January 5, 1903, married first, Birdie Hudgins of Mathews County, Virginia. They had two sons,

- a. The eldest⁴, born and died May 30, 1928;
- b. John Marion De Alba⁴, born March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Birdie Hudgins De Alba died and John Ballard De Alba³ married, secondly, Willene Huckabee of South Carolina January 5, 1935. She was born April 6, 1916. They have two daughters:

- c. Bonnie Kay De Alba⁴, born October 10, 1944;
- d. Donna Fay De Alba⁴, born October 5, 1947.

a. The eldest son⁺ of John Ballard De Alba and Birdie Hudgins De Alba died at birth May 30, 1928.

b. John Marion De Alba⁺, the second child of John Ballard De Alba³ and Birdie Hudgins De Alba, born March 25, 1930, married Doris Mercer.

He has two adopted daughters,

- (1) Kathy Mercer De Alba⁵, and
- (2) Rebecca Mercer De Alba⁵,

c. Bonnie Kay De Alba⁺, third child of John Ballard De Alba³, first child of Willene Huckabee De Alba, born October 10, 1944, married Donald Edwin Wiggins February 4, 1961. They had no children.

She married secondly, Robert Dean November 11, 1965. They have three children:

- (1) Kimberly Lynn⁵ Dean, born September 30, 1967;
- (2) Laurie Ann⁵ Dean, born March 27, 1969;
- (3) Robert Grant⁵ Dean Jr., born July 27, 1970.

d. Donna Fay De Alba⁺, fourth and youngest child of John Ballard De Alba³, second and youngest child of Willene Huckabee De Alba, born October 5, 1947, married first, Jesse Kimrey.

They had one child,

- (1) Randy⁵ Kimrey, born July 23, 1962.

Donna Fay De Alba⁺ Kimrey married secondly, Edward O. Johnson and they had one child,

- (2) Connie⁵ Johnson, born —

Donna Fay De Alba⁺ Johnson married thirdly Michael Earl Payne and they

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have twins:

(3) Michael Earl⁵ Payne Jr. born December 31, 1971;

(4) Christie Fay⁵ Payne, born December 31, 1971.

This is the fourth set of twins in the De Alba family.

B. Annie Mae De Alba³, second child of Thomas De Alba² Jr. and Emma Lee Davis De Alba, born May 5, 1905, married Herbert Lee Baines of Newport News January 2, 1925. They had two sons:

a. Herbert Lee⁴ Baines Jr. born May 10, 1927;

b. Charles⁴ Baines, born August 7, 1934.

Herbert Lee Baines Sr., born 1897, father of the above two children, died December 28, 1962.

a. Herbert Lee⁴ Baines Jr., called "Pete", first son of Herbert Lee Baines Sr. and Annie Mae De Alba³ Baines, married Shirley Wood in 1948. They have one child,

(1) Bruce Lee⁵ Baines, born February 1953.

b. Charles⁴ Baines, second and youngest child of Herbert Lee Baines Sr. and Annie Mae De Alba³ Baines, born August 7, 1934, died unmarried February 14, 1968.

C. Thomas De Alba³ III, third child of Thomas De Alba² Jr. and Emma Lee Davis De Alba, was born 1909. He died unmarried in 1962 and was buried in Zion United Methodist Church cemetery in Seaford, Virginia.

D. Robert Eggleston De Alba³, fourth child of Thomas De Alba² Jr. and

Emma Lee Davis De Alba, born May 30, 1911,
married Christeen Chapman April 3, 1954.

They have one daughter,

a. Sharon De Alba⁴, born July 25, 1955,

E. Christopher C. De Alba³, fifth and
youngest child of Thomas De Alba² Jr.
and Emma Lee Davis De Alba, born October 1916,
married Winifred Amory.

They had three children:

a. Merle Joan De Alba⁴;

b. Winifred De Alba⁴;

c. Carol Ann De Alba⁴.

a. Merle Joan De Alba⁴ married James H.
Bounds November 12, 1955.

b. Winifred De Alba⁴ married — Boughton.

c. Carol Ann De Alba⁴ married Joseph Schaffer.

Christopher C. De Alba, father of these three
daughters, died July 13, 1968. Mrs. Winifred
Amory De Alba, the mother, died June 8, 1970.

This brings to a close the present
tracing of descendants of Thomas De Alba² Jr.,
fourth child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and
Ann Delila Wood De Alba.

(Data on Thomas De Alba Jr.'s family group
was contributed by Mrs. Bonnie Kay De Alba Dean,
Mrs. John B. De Alba, Mrs. Annie Mae Baines, Mrs.
Robert De Alba; and collected from several
obituaries printed in the Daily Press; from
tomb stones in Zion United Methodist Church
Cemetery, and from Thomas James, Ancestry
and Descendants, by Ironmonger).

5. Francisco De Alba² and Descendants:

5. Francisco De Alba², fifth child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr. and Ann Delila Wood De Alba was born May 12, 1877. He was called "Tick." He married Adelaide Davis Crockett, widow. She was born May 20, 1879. They had three children:

- A. Harry Christopher De Alba³, born September 12, 1901;
- B. Bernard Bradley De Alba³, born May 4, 1906;
- C. David Franklin De Alba³, born September 19, 1912.

Lula Crockett, daughter of Adelaide Davis Crockett, born June 15, 1898 became the step-daughter of Francisco De Alba².

Francisco De Alba², father of the three children above, died October 22, 1933. Mrs. Adelaide Davis De Alba, the mother, died June 24, 1957. They are buried in Zion United Methodist Church cemetery in Seaford, Virginia.

A. Harry Christopher De Alba³, first son of Francisco De Alba² and Adelaide Davis De Alba, born September 12, 1901, married Wesley Virginia Mills, December 14, 1922. She was born March 2, 1904 and was called "Wessie".

They had three children:

- a. Harry C. De Alba⁴ Jr., born October 20, 1925;
- b. Rose Marie De Alba⁴, born March 19, 1928;
- c. Virginia Adelaide De Alba⁴, born March 17, 1935.

a. Harry C. De Alba⁴ Jr. first child of Harry C. De Alba³ Sr and Wessie Mills De Alba was born and died October 20, 1925.

b. Rose Marie De Alba⁴, second child of Harry C. De Alba³ Sr. and Wessie Mills De Alba, married Gerald Ray Hopkins August 5, 1946. He was born June 2, 1925.

They have four children:

- (1) David Christopher⁵ Hopkins, born August 5, 1952;
- (2) Kevin Ray⁵ Hopkins, born July 30, 1958;
- (3) Joyce Marie⁵ Hopkins, born November 5, 1963;
- (4) Anne Claire⁵ Hopkins, born February 3, 1966.

c. Virginia Adelaide De Alba⁴, third and youngest child of Harry C. De Alba³ Sr. and Wessie Mills De Alba, married Allen Pompei January 15, 1955. He was born November 2, 1931. They have two children:

- (1) Kathryn Virginia⁵ Pompei, born March 28, 1956;
- (2) Patricia Lynn⁵ Pompei, born November 6, 1964.

B. Bernard Bradley De Alba³, second son of Francisco De Alba² and Adelaide Davis De Alba, born May 4, 1906, married first, Evelyn Wright April 1927. They had two children:

- a. Lois Virginia De Alba⁴, born January 11, 1928;
- b. Bernard Bradley De Alba⁴ Jr., born September 7, 1933.

Bernard Bradley De Alba³ Sr. married secondly, Lessie Riley Hornsby, widow of Stafford W. Hornsby, September 3, 1949. She was born November 11, 1903. They had no children. He died May 10, 1973 and was buried in Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery in Seaford, Virginia.

a. Lois Virginia De Alba⁴, first child of Bernard B. De Alba³ Sr. and Evelyn

Wright De Alba, married Gerald Smoot September 27, 1945. They have three children:

- (1) Phyllis Evelyn⁵ Smoot, born September 28, 1950;
- (2) Catherine⁵ Smoot, born June 16, 1957;
- (3) David Gerald⁵ Smoot, born March 16, 1959.

b. Bernard Bradley De Alba⁴ Jr., called Bradley, second and youngest child of Bernard B. De Alba³ Sr. and Evelyn Wright De Alba, married first, Carolyn Higgins August 7, 1954. They had four children:

- (1) Cynthia Faye De Alba⁵ born December 18, 1955;
- (2) Penelope Gay De Alba⁵ born December 18, 1955;
- (3) Susan Annette De Alba⁵ born May 28, 1957;
- (4) Stuart Bradley De Alba⁵ born December 10, 1964.

This is the third set of twins in the De Alba family.

Bernard Bradley De Alba⁴ Jr., called Bradley, married secondly, Beverley ———— January 9, 1969 and they had one son,

- (5) Hagar De Alba⁵, born July 21, 1971.

Bernard Bradley De Alba⁴ Jr., called Bradley, married thirdly, Sepi Danwidzie August 18, 1972. They have no children (1974).

c. David Franklin De Alba³, third and youngest son of Francis De Alba² and Adelaide Davis De Alba, born September 19, 1912, married first, Louise Ironmonger. They had no children. He married secondly, Mildred Watson.

They had two sons:

- a. Harry De Alba⁴;
- b. David Franklin De Alba⁴ Jr.

David Franklin De Alba³ Sr, father of these two sons, died November 28, 1959 and was buried in Zion United Methodist Church cemetery in Seaford, Virginia.

a. Harry De Alba⁴, first son of David Franklin De Alba³ and Mildred Watson De Alba, married, and they have two daughters.

b. David Franklin De Alba⁴ Jr., second and youngest son of David Franklin De Alba³ Sr and Mildred Watson De Alba, married and they have two sons.

This brings to a close the present tracing of descendants of Francisco De Alba², called "Tick", fifth child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba.

(Data on Francisco De Alba's family group was contributed by Mrs Lula Crockett Moore, Mrs. Rose Marie Hopkins and Mrs. Virginia Pompei, and collected from several obituaries printed in the Daily Press; and from tombstones in Zion United Methodist Church cemetery, and from Thomas James, Ancestry and Descendants, by Ironmonger).

6. Florence Lena De Alba² and Descendants.

6. Florence Lena De Alba², sixth child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr. and Ann Delila Wood De Alba, was born in 1880. She married Beverly Daniel Baker of Newport News. They had two children:

A. A daughter who died an infant;

B. John³ Baker, born October 27, 1904.

Beverly Daniel Baker, father of these two children, was born 1871. He died August 22, 1958.

Mrs. Florence Lena De Alba² Baker, the mother, died September 27, 1965.

B. John³ Baker, son of Beverly Daniel Baker and Florence Lena De Alba² Baker, born October 27, 1904, married Edith Bauer Subers. She was born November 8, 1909. He is a medical doctor with office in Milford, Delaware (1974). They have two children:

a. Lawretta⁴ Baker, born July 31, 1934;

b. John⁴ Baker Jr., born September 4, 1937.

a. Lawretta⁴ Baker married Alonzo J. Houston in 1958 and they have two children:

(1) Jeffrey⁵ Houston, born November 16, 1962;

(2) Beverly Jo⁵ Houston, born 1964.

This brings to a close the present tracing of descendants of Florence Lena De Alba Baker, sixth child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba.

(Data on Florence Lena De Alba Baker's family group was contributed by Mrs Lillian Hudgins and Dr. John Baker, and collected from two obituaries, printed in the Daily Press.

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7. James Thomas De Alba² and Descendants.

7. James Thomas De Alba², seventh child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba, was born May 18, 1883.

He was twin to Joseph De Alba². He married Clara Davis May 28, 1903. She was born January 5, 1888. They had two sons:

A. James Thomas De Alba³ Jr., born October 18, 1904;

B. Norris Henley De Alba³, born October 25, 1906.

James T. De Alba² Sr, father of these two children, died January 31, 1969. Mrs. Clara Davis De Alba, the mother, died September 6, 1972.

A. James Thomas De Alba³ Jr., first son of James T. De Alba² Sr. and Clara Davis De Alba, born October 18, 1904, married Anne Chapin in 1931. They have one son,

a. Chapin De Alba⁴, born October 3, 1936. He is unmarried (1974).

B. Norris Henley De Alba³, second and youngest son of James T. De Alba² Sr. and Clara Davis De Alba, born October 25, 1906, married Anne Josephine Adams June 8, 1929.

They have three daughters:

a. Joan De Alba⁴, born May 31, 1933;

b. Anne De Alba⁴, born August 23, 1936;

c. Mary Susan De Alba⁴, born March 18, 1944.

a. Joan De Alba⁴ married Dr. Jack Dawson June 18, 1955.

They have three children:

- (1) Elizabeth Adams⁵ Dawson, born March 20, 1958;
- (2) Susan Margaret⁵ Dawson, born July 19, 1960;
- (3) Henley De Alba⁵ Dawson, born September 28, 1970.

b. Anne De Alba⁴ married Carl Henry North, September 8, 1956. They have two sons:

- (1) Christopher Scott⁵ North, born July 17, 1961;
- (2) David De Alba⁵ North, born June 1965.

c. Mary Susan De Alba⁴ married Robert Dean Snodgrass July 8, 1967. They have one daughter,

- (1) Katherine Dean⁵ Snodgrass, born July 10, 1972.

This brings to a close the present tracing of descendants of James Thomas De Alba² Sr, seventh child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba.

(Data on James T. De Alba² Sr's family group was contributed by Mrs Anne Josephine De Alba, and taken from Thomas James, Ancestry and Descendants by Ironmonger).

8. Joseph De Alba².

8. Joseph De Alba², eighth child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr. and Ann Delila Wood De Alba, was born May 18, 1883. He was twin to James Thomas De Alba². He never married.

He died October 29, 1922 and was buried in Grafton Christian Church Cemetery, Grafton, Virginia.

(Data was copied from his tomb-stone).

9. Carrie De Alba² and Descendants.

9. Carrie De Alba², ninth child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr. and Ann Delila Wood De Alba, was born August 31, 1888, twin to Annie De Alba².

She married Frederick P. Burcher. They had two children:

A. Helen³ Burcher, born May 20, 1910;

B. Frederick P.³ Burcher Jr., born August 13, 1912. He was nicknamed "Buster" and "Boo".

Carrie De Alba² Burcher, mother of the above two children, died July 9, 1965.

A. Helen³ Burcher, first child of Frederick P. Burcher Sr. and Carrie De Alba² Burcher, born May 20, 1910, married first, Benjamin Ward. They had no children.

She married secondly, Joseph Earl Barton. They had two daughters:

a. Patricia⁴ Barton, born July 1939;

b. Barbara Jo⁴ Barton.

Helen³ Burcher Barton married, thirdly, Robert La Mia. There were no children of this marriage. For her fourth husband she married Harold Bromley. They had no children.

Helen³ Burcher's fifth husband is Ray Warner. They have no children.

a. Patricia⁴ Barton married Richard Bletcher and they have three children:

- (1) Douglas⁵ Bletcher;
- (2) Karen⁵ Bletcher;
- (3) William⁵ Bletcher.

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b. Barbara Jo⁴ Barton married Bruce Pittman. They have one son,

(1) Brian⁵ Pittman.

B. Frederick P.³ Burcher Jr., second and youngest child of Frederick P. Burcher Sr. and Carrie De Alba² Burcher, born August 13, 1912, married Mattiel Jones January 21, 1934. They had two daughters:

a. Joan Lee⁴ Burcher, born January 9, 1940;

b. Carolyn Kay⁴ Burcher, born September 4, 1941.

Frederick P.³ Burcher Jr., father of the above two children, died June 14, 1964.

a. Joan Lee⁴ Burcher married William T. Green March 23, 1965. They have one son,

(1) Chadwick William⁵ Green, born June 25, 1969.

b. Carolyn Kay⁴ Burcher married first, Russell Gary, December 1959. They had one son,

(1) Frederick Randolph⁵ Gary, born September 30, 1960.

Karolyn Kay⁴ Gary married secondly, Richard Scruggs and they had one daughter,

(2) Susan⁵ Scruggs, born September 21, 1964.

Karolyn Kay⁴ Scruggs married thirdly, George William Coleman Jr. July 14, 1973.

This brings to a close the present tracing of descendants of Carrie De Alba² Burcher, ninth child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba.

(Data on Carrie De Alba Burcher's family group was contributed by Mrs. Frederick P. Burcher Jr.).

10. Annie De Alba² and Descendants.

10. Annie De Alba², tenth and youngest child of Thomas De Alba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood De Alba, was born August 31, 1888, twin to Carrie De Alba². She married Edward Carmines. He was born June 9, 1882. They had two children:

A. Irwin³ Carmines, born February 2, 1909;

B. Hazel³ Carmines, born May 4, 1911.

Edward Carmines, father of the above two children, died August 14, 1966. Annie De Alba² Carmines, the mother, died April 2, 1972.

A. Irwin³ Carmines, first child of Edward Carmines and Annie De Alba² Carmines, is unmarried (1974).

B. Hazel³ Carmines, second and youngest child of Edward Carmines and Annie De Alba² Carmines, born May 4, 1911, married James Slaight in 1934. James Slaight was born January 22, 1904. They have two children:

a. Carolyn⁴ Slaight, born July 29, 1935;

b. Martha⁴ Slaight, born September 16, 1944.

a. Carolyn⁴ Slaight married Donald Gravely. They have two children:

(1) Debbie⁵ Gravely, born September 30, 1954;

(2) Sherry⁵ Gravely, born July 9, 1967.

Debbie⁵ Gravely married Wilson Winder, November 1972.

b. Martha⁴ Slaight married Donald Varela. They have one child,

(1) Gregory Allen⁵ Varela, born November 18, 1966.

This brings to a close the present tracing of descendants of Annie DeAlba² Carmines, tenth and youngest child of Thomas DeAlba¹ Sr. and Ann Delila Wood DeAlba.

(Data on Annie DeAlba² Carmines family group was contributed by Mrs Hazel Carmines Slaight).

The foregoing pages have given a sketch of the descendants of Thomas DeAlba¹ Sr and Ann Delila Wood DeAlba. As time goes on, there will be new names and dates to add, new goals to set and to attain, and many new challenges to meet.

Elizabeth Hogg Ironmonger.